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THE HIDDEN BADGE

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### A Universal Two Reel Western Starring Pete Morrison

Mary Adams feels happy thinking that her disreputable husband is dead. She lives on the border of Eagle, a cattle town.

Sheriff Linley has suffered the loss of a number of his best deputies from rustlers' bullets. He asks Jim Wilson, a daring puncher to join his force, and gives him a badge, telling him to keep it hidden in his pocket.

Jim is in love with Mary, who promises to marry him when word about her husband is confirmed. Meanwhile, word comes to the town that the rustlers are in the neighborhood. The sheriff's posse attack, and the sheriff is killed.

The rustlers are cornered in a cave and forced to surrender.

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The helpless fellow proves to be Jim, who has been thrown by his horse.

The bandit searches the dazed man and discovers his badge, taking it.

He drives to the Adams' cabin. Mary is stunned on be holding him, her husband. Jim drives up. The men battle until the sheriff's boys ride up. The bandit accuses Jim of being a rustler, stating that as for himself, he is a deputy, and shows the badge.

Mary stops the posse just as they are about to string Jim up, and tells them the truth. Adams dashes away to freedom, but his horse throws him over an embankment, breaking his neck. Jim and Mary face each other happily.

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